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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is hereby requested in view of the following remarks.

Examiner Interview

An Examiner interview was conducted on August 10, 2004 between Examiner Barry Taylor, Examiner Duc Nguyen and Applicant's representative Charles J. Gross. Independent claims 1-5 and 8-13 were discussed in view of the Robuck and Hill references. As a result, an agreement was reached to withdraw all the outstanding rejections.

The Applicant's representative wishes to thank Examiners Taylor and Nguyen for the courtesies extended during the interview.

35 U.S.C. §112 and §103(a) Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 14, 15, 17-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with enablement requirement. The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under §35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,991,367 to Robuck in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,542,596 to Hill, *et al.* ("Hill"). In view of the Examiner's interview of August 10, 2004, these rejections are now moot and should now be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicants hereby make a written petition for extension of time, if needed. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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